AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [00023] on page 9 with the following amended paragraph.

[00023] Figures 1A and 1B show[[s]] a perspective, exploded view of an exemplary embodiment of a blood pressure measuring apparatus;

Please replace paragraph [00029] on page 9 with the following amended paragraph.

[00029] Figures 1A and 1B show[[s]] an exploded view comprising the essential individual parts of an exemplary blood pressure measuring apparatus. The blood pressure measuring apparatus comprises a measuring cell 1 including a casing part 2, a meter 3 and a scale, a transparent cover and a sealing ring. The casing part is formed as a cylindrical element having a small height as compared to its diameter, such that a flat cell results. In the circumferential area, the casing part 2 comprises a connector port 13 via which the measuring cell 1 can be connected to a pressure generating device of the blood pressure measuring apparatus. An operating unit 4 of the blood pressure measuring apparatus comprises a holder 5 to which a pressure generating device, comprising a pump ball 6 and a scoop 7, and a pressure regulating device in the form of a release valve 8 are attached.

Please replace paragraph [00032] on page 10-11 with the following amended paragraph:

[00032] In accordance with an exemplary embodiment, it is possible to attach the operating unit 4 to the measuring cell 1 in various predetermined positions. In a first

position, as shown in Figure 1A, the scoop 7 of the operating unit 4 lies on the right-hand side of the pump ball 6 and the release valve 8 lies on the left-hand side. In a second position, as shown in Figure 1B, the operating unit 4 is turned, for example by 180°, about the rotational axis formed by the ends of 9 and 10 of the holder 5, with respect to the measuring cell 1, such that the scoop 7 is arranged on the left-hand side and the release valve 8 on the right-hand side of the pump ball 6.